



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION NO. 09/758,381

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TITLE: FINGERTIP DEVICE FOR
RUPTURING AMNIOTIC MEMBRANES

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 3765

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicant hereby timely responds to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003.

Introductory Comments

Claims 1-3 are pending in this application. In the subject Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being obvious based on Shubert (U.S. 2,811,969) in view of Cote (U.S. 3,749,099). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks. Applicant also requests entry of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Drawings

Please amend the drawings by substituting the enclosed Sheets 3 and 5 for those respective sheets as originally filed.